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### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:	)	Case No. 12-12020 (MG)
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RESIDENTIAL CAPITAL, LLC, et al.,	)	Chapter 11
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### NOTICE OF DEBTORS' THIRTY-THIRD OMNIBUS CLAIMS OBJECTION (FACIALLY DEFECTIVE AND TIME-BARRED SECURITIES CLAIMS)

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the undersigned have filed the attached *Debtors'*Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection (Facially Defective and Time-Barred Securities

Claims) (the "Omnibus Objection"), which seeks to alter your rights by disallowing your claim against the one or more of the above-captioned Debtors.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing on the Omnibus Objection will take place on October 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) before the Honorable Martin Glenn, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District

of New York, Alexander Hamilton Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004-1408, Room 501.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that responses and/or objections, if any, to the Omnibus Objection must be made in writing, conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York, and the Notice, Case Management, the Administrative Procedures approved by the Bankruptcy Court [Docket No. 141], and the claims objection procedures approved by the Bankruptcy Court [Docket No. 3294], be filed electronically by registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's electronic case filing system, and be served, so as to be received no later than September 30, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time), upon: (a) counsel to the Debtors, Morrison & Foerster LLP, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10104 (Attention: Gary S. Lee, Esq., Norman S. Rosenbaum, Esq., and Jordan A. Wishnew, Esq.); (b) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, U.S. Federal Office Building, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014 (Attention: Tracy Hope Davis, Esq., Linda A. Riffkin, Esq., and Brian S. Masumoto, Esq.); (c) the Office of the United States Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001 (Attention: US Attorney General, Eric H. Holder, Jr., Esq.); (d) Office of the New York State Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341 (Attention: Nancy Lord, Esq. and Enid N. Stuart, Esq.); (e) Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, One St. Andrews Plaza, New York, NY 10007 (Attention: Joseph N. Cordaro, Esq.); (f) counsel for Ally Financial Inc., Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 153 East 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022 (Attention: Richard M. Cieri, Esq. and Ray Schrock, Esq.); (g) counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 (Attention: Kenneth Eckstein, Esq. and Douglas Mannal, Esq.); (h) counsel for Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, Clifford Chance US LLP, 31 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019 (Attention: Jennifer C. DeMarco, Esq. and Adam Lesman, Esq.); (i) counsel for Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, 355 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90071 (Attention: Thomas Walper, Esq. and Seth Goldman, Esq.); (j) Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 7346, Philadelphia, PA 19101-7346 (if by overnight mail, to 2970 Market Street, Mail Stop 5-Q30.133, Philadelphia, PA 19104-5016); (k) Securities and Exchange Commission, New York Regional Office, 3 World Financial Center, Suite 400, New York, NY 10281-1022 (Attention: George S. Canellos, Regional Director); and (l) Conflicts Counsel for the Debtors, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP, 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10178 (Attention: Steven J. Reisman, Esq., Theresa A. Foudy, Esq. and Maryann Gallagher, Esq.).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you do not timely file and serve a written response to the relief requested in the Omnibus Objection, the Bankruptcy Court may deem any opposition waived, treat the Omnibus Objection as conceded, and enter an order granting the relief requested in the Omnibus Objection without further notice or hearing.

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**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that should the relief requested in the Omnibus Objection not be granted, the Debtors reserve all rights to object to the claims objected to therein on any other basis.

Dated: September 9, 2013

New York, New York

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THIS OBJECTION SEEKS TO DISALLOW AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN FILED PROOFS OF CLAIM. CLAIMANTS RECEIVING THIS OBJECTION SHOULD LOCATE THEIR NAMES AND CLAIMS ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED TO THE PROPOSED ORDER.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DEBTORS' CONFLICTS COUNSEL MARYANN GALLAGHER AT (212) 696-6000.

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TO THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Residential Capital, LLC, and its affiliated debtors in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases"), as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), respectfully represent:

### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

- Third Omnibus Claims Objection") and the accompanying declaration of Lewis Kruger in support of the Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection (the "Kruger Decl.") under Section 502(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 3007(d) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and this Court's order approving procedures for the filing of omnibus objections to proofs of claim filed in these Chapter 11 Cases (the "Procedures Order") [Docket No. 3294], seeking entry of an order, in a form substantially similar to the proposed order attached hereto as Exhibit 1 ( the "Proposed Order"), disallowing and expunging the claims listed on Exhibit A to the Proposed Order (collectively, the "Disputed Claims"). Exhibit A to the Proposed Order lists the Disputed Claims as they appear on the official claims registers maintained in these Chapter 11 Cases. 1
- 2. Specifically, the Debtors object to the Disputed Claims because they fail to allege facts sufficient to support the claims and are therefore facially defective. In addition, to the extent that the Debtors are able to identify a potential claim from the face of the Disputed Claims, those claims are barred by applicable statutes of limitation and repose.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors reserve all of their rights to object on any other basis to the Disputed Claims. Without limitation, the Debtors expressly reserve their rights to seek a declaration from the Court that the Disputed Claims should be subordinated for distribution purposes under Bankruptcy Code Section 510.

- 3. Each Disputed Claim appears to assert claims related to residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS") that the Debtors issued between 2001 and 2007. But they do not provide sufficient detail about the alleged claims for the Debtors to evaluate their validity. While a legally sufficient claim is presumed valid, these Disputed Claims do not provide any basis to presume their validity and fail to meet even the relatively low burden of legal sufficiency.
- 4. To the extent that the Debtors can identify a claim from the face of the Disputed Claims, they appear to assert claims based on alleged misstatements in the offering materials for RMBS the Debtors issued between 2001 and 2007. Those types of claims arise under Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77k, 77l (the "Securities Act"). Section 11 creates civil liability for a misstatement in a registration statement; Section 12(a)(2) creates civil liability for a misstatement in a prospectus or oral communication.
- 5. Securities Act Section 13 requires a plaintiff to bring a Section 11 or 12(a)(2) claim within one year from when the plaintiff discovered (or reasonably could have discovered) the alleged misstatement and within three years from when the security was offered or sold. 15 U.S.C. § 77*m*. The Disputed Claims are untimely because they were not brought within those time periods.
- 6. Accordingly, the Disputed Claims should be disallowed and expunged from the Debtors' claims register.
- 7. No Borrower Claims (as defined in the Procedures Order) are included in this Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection.
- 8. The Debtors expressly reserve all rights to object on any other basis to any Disputed Claim to the extent the Court does not grant the relief requested herein.

### **JURISDICTION**

9. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper before this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding under Bankruptcy Code Section 157(b).

### **BACKGROUND**

#### A. The Chapter 11 Cases

- 10. On May 14, 2012 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors filed voluntary chapter 11 petitions in this Court. The Debtors are managing and operating their businesses as debtors-in-possession under Bankruptcy Code Sections 1107(a) and 1108. These Chapter 11 Cases are being jointly administered under Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b).
- 11. The Court appointed Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as notice and claims agent, authorizing it to (a) receive, maintain, record, and otherwise administer the proofs of claim filed in these Chapter 11 Cases; and (b) maintain each Debtor's official claims register.

  [Docket No. 798.] To date, approximately 6,860 proofs of claim have been filed in these Chapter 11 Cases as reflected on the Debtors' claims register.
- 12. Earlier this year, the Court entered the Procedures Order authorizing the Debtors to file omnibus objections to no more than 150 claims at a time on the grounds listed in Bankruptcy Rule 3007(d) and additional grounds set forth in the Procedures Order. The Debtors submit this Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection under the Procedures Order.

### B. The Debtors' RMBS, the Financial Crisis, and Related Litigation

13. From 2001 to 2007, the Debtors issued RMBS certificates with an aggregate original principal balance of approximately \$330 billion. (*See, e.g.*, Local Rule 7056-1 Statement of Stipulated Undisputed Facts and Agreed-To Exhibits ¶1, *Residential Capital*, *LLC v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, No. 13-ap-01262-mg, ECF No. 23.) In these securitizations, the Debtors

pooled together mortgage loans and conveyed them to trusts in exchange for certificates that were sold to sophisticated investors, like the claimants here. (Id.  $\P$  2.) The RMBS certificates entitle their holders to receive principal and interest collected on the mortgage loans held by the trusts. (Id.  $\P$  3.) Although not the subject of any pre-petition lawsuit initiated by the claimants, the Disputed Claims appear to arise from the claimants' purchases of Debtor-issued RMBS certificates.

- 14. In 2007, U.S. home prices began to drop and RMBS and other credit markets began to freeze up. By the fall of 2008, several major financial institutions—including Lehman Brothers, Bear Stearns, and Wachovia—failed, and the country entered its greatest financial crisis since the Great Depression.
- 15. In the years following the financial crisis, scores of RMBS investors sued the Debtors (and every other major RMBS issuer). Almost five years ago, a putative class action was commenced against the Debtors and certain non-debtor affiliates. *N.J. Carpenters Health Fund v. Residential Capital, LLC*, No. 08-CV-8781 (HB) (S.D.N.Y. filed Sept. 22, 2008) (the "*NJ Carpenters* Litigation"). The plaintiffs in the *NJ Carpenters* Litigation brought Section 11 and 12(a)(2) claims on behalf of a purported class of purchasers of 59 different Debtor RMBS offerings from 2006 and 2007. (*Id.*) This initiated a flood of RMBS litigation against the Debtors and their affiliates. As of the Petition Date, RMBS investors had filed dozens of lawsuits asserting Section 11 and 12(a)(2) claims (and various state law claims) against the Debtors and their affiliates. (Kruger Decl. ¶ 2.)
- 16. In addition to those dozens of pre-petition lawsuits, several RMBS investors entered into agreements with the Debtors or their affiliates to toll the applicable limitation periods for those investors' securities claims. (Kruger Decl. ¶ 3.)

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### C. The Disputed Claims

- 17. Based on their review of the Disputed Claims, the Debtors believe that the eight Disputed Claims all assert claims based on investments in RMBS securities the Debtors issued between 2001 and 2007.
- which the claimant seeks a recovery from the Debtors. They simply identify a class of RMBS certificates, but do not provide any supporting documentation, including evidence of any losses on their certificates. Furthermore, the Disputed Claims fail to explain why they are entitled to recover from the Debtors for those losses (if any). The Disputed Claims—all identical and filed by entities related to Fortress—state that their claims "are related to certain securities" and are "based on obligations, liabilities, indebtedness, losses, damages and/or other claims owing by the Debtors to the Claimants . . . includ[ing] breaches of representations, warranties and covenants; repurchase obligations; misrepresentation; fraud; securities fraud; breaches of servicing obligations; and other claims under or relating to any contractual, statutory or common law rights and/or remedies." Such a broad and generic description provides no actual information to the Debtors about the nature of the claim.
- 19. In the years between the collapse of the RMBS market and the flood of investors lawsuits (in 2007 and 2008) and the May 12, 2012 Petition Date, none of the investors who filed the Disputed Claims ever commenced an action against the Debtors in connection with its RMBS securities. (Kruger Decl. ¶ 4.) Nor did any of those investors enter into tolling agreements with the Debtors, or otherwise assert their claims, before the Petition Date. (*Id.*)

### THE DISPUTED CLAIMS SHOULD BE DISALLOWED AND EXPUNGED

#### A. The Applicable Legal Standard

- 20. A proof of claim is *prima facie* evidence of the validity of a claim *only* if it is legally sufficient. *In re Alper Holdings USA*, No. 07-BR-12148 (BRL), 2008 WL 160203, at \*3 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jan. 15, 2008), *aff'd*, 398 B.R. 736 (S.D.N.Y. 2008). That is, among other things, it "allege[s] facts sufficient to support the claim." *Id.* (quoting *In re Spiegel, Inc.*,No. 03-11540, 2007 WL 2456626, at \*15 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Aug. 22, 2007)). "[M]ost courts"—including bankruptcy courts in this district—"apply the federal pleading standards to proofs of claims." *In re Nortel Networks, Inc.*, 469 B.R. 478, 497 (Bankr. D. Del. 2012) (citing *In re DJK Residential, LLC*, 416 B.R. 100, 106-07 (Bank. S.D.N.Y. 2009); *In re Adelphia Commc'ns Corp.*, 359 B.R. 54, 56 n.5 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2006)). Under federal pleading standards, a claim "must contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to 'state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face." *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 677-78 (2009) (quoting *Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)).
- 21. Some other courts simply require that a proof of claim "allege facts sufficient to support the claim' without mentioning notice or any other standard by which sufficiency might be determined." *Maxwell v. Novell, Inc.* (*In re marchFirst, Inc.*), 431 B.R. 436, 443 n.10 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 2010) (quoting *In re Allegheny Int'l, Inc.*, 954 F.2d 167, 173 (3d Cir. 1992)). But there is no question that a claim must allege some facts to explain why the claimant is entitled to recover from the Debtor.
- 22. If a proof of claim is legally sufficient, "[c]reditors' entitlements in bankruptcy arise in the first instance from the underlying substantive law creating the debtor's obligations". *In re Arcade Publ'g*, 455 B.R. 373, 378 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2011) (Glenn, J.) (quoting *Travelers Cas. & Sur. Co. of Am. v. Pac. Gas & Elec. Co.*, 549 U.S. 443, 444 (2007)

(alteration in original and internal quotation marks omitted)). Accordingly, a claim will be disallowed if it is "unenforceable against the debtor and property of the debtor, under any agreement or applicable law." 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(1). And a debtor's estate has "the benefit of any defense available to the debtor as against any entity other than the estate, including statutes of limitation." 11 U.S.C. § 558. "[T]he plain language of §§ 502(b)(1) and 558 indicates that if the applicable . . . statute of limitations bars enforceability of a claim, it is not allowable." *In re Hess*, 404 B.R. 747, 749 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009) (Glenn, J.) (sustaining debtor's objection to untimely claims).

### B. The Disputed Claims Do Not Allege Facts Sufficient to Support the Claims

- 23. The Disputed Claims all make some reference to RMBS certificates that the Debtors issued, but none of them is based upon pre-petition RMBS complaints. As a result, the Proofs of Claims themselves are the only documents the Debtors have to attempt to identify the basis for the claims. The eight Disputed Claims—all filed on behalf of entities affiliated with or managed by Fortress—are purportedly unliquidated claims. None of the Disputed Claims explains why the claimant has any claim related to the RMBS certificates identified.
- 24. The Disputed Claims provide no basis for the Debtors to evaluate their validity and, thus, no basis for this Court to accept them as *prima facie* valid. In short, they do not provide Debtors "notice of the particulars: the 'who, what, when, where and how'" required to state a claim. *Landesbank Baden-Württemberg v. Goldman, Sachs & Co.*, 821 F. Supp. 2d 616, 622 (S.D.N.Y. 2011) (quoting *Arazie v. Mullane*, 2 F.3d 1456, 1465 (7th Cir. 1993)). As a result, if these claims are allowed, then the claimants could receive recoveries to which they are not entitled, to the detriment of all other creditors. Accordingly, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court disallow and expunge the Disputed Claims.

### C. The Disputed Claims Are Barred by the Securities Act Statutes of Limitation and Repose

25. To the extent that it is possible to determine the bases for the Disputed Claims, the Disputed Claims appear to seek to recoup investment losses on the Debtors' RMBS securities. Securities Act Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) govern those claims. As a result, they must be brought within the time periods provided in Securities Act Section 13.

#### 26. Section 13 provides that:

No action shall be maintained to enforce any liability created under section 11 or section 12(a)(2) unless brought within one year after the discovery of the untrue statement or the omission, or after such discovery should have been made by the exercise of reasonable diligence, or, if the action is to enforce a liability created under section 12(a)(1), unless brought within one year after the violation upon which it is based. In no event shall any such action be brought to enforce a liability created under section 11 or section 12(a)(1) more than three years after the security was bona fide offered to the public, or under section 12(a)(2) more than three years after the sale.

15 U.S.C. § 77m.

- 27. The first sentence of Section 13—the statute of limitations—provides that any claim must be brought within one year of when the alleged misstatement was discovered or could have been discovered. *See John Hancock Life Ins. Co. (U.S.A.) v. JP Morgan Chase & Co.*, No. 12 Civ. 3184 (RJS), 2013 WL 1385010, at \*4 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 29, 2013). The second sentence—the statute of repose—provides that any claims must be brought within three years of the relevant offering or sale date. *Id.*
- 28. The Disputed Claims were not subject to pre-petition litigation or tolling agreements. As a result, to state a valid claim, the Disputed Claims must have been timely on the Petition Date. *See In re Hess*, 404 B.R. at 749 (Glenn, J.) (relevant inquiry is whether claims were valid "at the time a petition . . . is filed") (quoting *Vanston Bondholders Protective Comm. v. Green*, 329 U.S. 156, 161 (1946). To be timely under Section 13, then, the Disputed Claims must have first been discovered (or reasonably discoverable) on or after May 14, 2011—a year

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before the Petition Date. And they must be based on securities offered or sold on or after May 14, 2009—three years before the Petition Date. The Disputed Claims do not meet either of these time requirements and should be disallowed.

### The One-Year Statute of Limitations Bars the Disputed Claims

- 29. The one-year Securities Act statute of limitations runs from the "discovery of the untrue statement or the omission" or when discovery "should have been made by the exercise of reasonable diligence." 15 U.S.C. §77*m*. Accordingly, "a plaintiff will be deemed to have discovered [the alleged misstatement] for purposes of triggering the one-year statute of limitations when a reasonable investor of ordinary intelligence would have discovered the [alleged misstatement]." *Siemens Solar Indus. v. Atl. Richfield Co.*, No. 93 Civ. 1126 (LAP), 1994 WL 86368, at \*3 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 16, 1994) (citing *Dodds v. Cigna Secs., Inc.*, 12 F.3d 346, 350 (2d Cir. 1993)).
- 30. While the Debtors do not admit their offering materials contained material misstatements, a reasonable investor of ordinary intelligence would have discovered any alleged misstatements by September 22, 2008, at the very latest. That was the day the *N.J. Carpenters* litigation was commenced, alleging misstatements in offering documents for RMBS the Debtors issued in 2006 and 2007. Any reasonable investor could have discovered a Securities Act claim when another investor filed a highly-publicized lawsuit asserting the very same claim against the same defendants. *See Pa. Pub. Sch. Employees' Ret. Sys. v. Bank of Am. Corp.*, 874 F. Supp. 2d 341, 365-66 (S.D.N.Y. 2012) (dismissing Section 11 claims as time barred and holding that limitations period began to run at the latest upon filing of a previous RMBS-related lawsuit against the same defendant); *see also Stichting Pensioenfonds ABP v. Wachovia Corp. (In re Wachovia Sec. Litig.)*, 753 F. Supp. 2d 326, 371 (S.D.N.Y. 2011) (Securities Act claim could have been discovered based on media coverage of Wachovia's deterioration). Indeed, courts in

the Southern District of New York have held that RMBS investors were on notice of potential claims by mid-2008, at the latest. *See In re Morgan Stanley Mortg. Pass-Through Certificates Litig.*, No. 09 Civ. 2137 (LTS), 2010 WL 3239430, at \*8 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 17, 2010) (dismissing RMBS-related claims as time-barred and holding that the "body of information makes it plain that inquiry notice arose well before May 2008").

31. Because the limitations period began to run—at the very latest—when the *NJ Carpenters* Litigation was filed on September 22, 2008, it expired on September 22, 2009—more than two years before the Petition Date. As a result, the Securities Act statute of limitations bars the Disputed Claims.

### The Three-Year Statute of Repose Bars the Disputed Claims

- 32. The Securities Act's three-year statute of repose also bars the Disputed Claims. While the statute of limitations may be subject to some forms of equitable tolling, the statute of repose "affect[s] the availability of the underlying right: That right is no longer available on the expiration of the specified period of time. In theory, at least, the legislative bar to subsequent action is absolute, subject to legislatively created exceptions . . . set forth in the statute of repose." *P. Stolz Family P'ship L.P. v. Daum*, 355 F.3d 92, 102 (2d Cir. 2004) (citations omitted).
- 33. As the Second Circuit has explained, "statutes of repose and statutes of limitations are often confused, though they are distinct. A statute of limitations creates an affirmative defense where plaintiff failed to bring suit within a specified period of time after his cause of action accrued, often subject to tolling principles. By contrast, a statute of repose *extinguishes* a plaintiff's cause of action after the passage of a fixed period of time, usually measured from one of the defendant's acts." *Ma v. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.*, 597 F.3d 84, 88 n.4 (2d Cir. 2010) (internal citations omitted).

- 34. As a result, even if some of the Disputed Claims are ultimately determined to be subject to equitable tolling—including *American Pipe* tolling in connection with the *NJ Carpenters* Litigation—such equitable tolling arguments do not apply to the Securities Act statute of repose. *See Police & Fire Ret. Sys. of the City of Detroit v. IndyMac MBS, Inc.*, 721 F.3d 95, 112 (2d Cir. 2013) (*American Pipe*'s tolling rule "does not apply to the three-year statute of repose in Section 13").
- 35. Under Section 13, the Securities Act statute of repose begins to run on the effective date of the prospectus supplement for Section 11 claims and on the date of the sale for Section 12(a)(2) claims. *See Footbridge Ltd. Trust v. Countrywide Fin. Corp.*, 770 F. Supp. 2d 618, 623 (S.D.N.Y. 2011).
- 36. The Debtors issued all of the RMBS identified in the Disputed Claims in 2007 or earlier, so the statute of repose for any Section 11 claims—which begins to run when the securities are "bona fide offered to the public"—expired at the end of 2010 at the latest, well before the Petition Date.

### The Claims Do Not Identify Any Valid Basis for Any State Law Claims

37. In addition to Section 11 and 12(a)(2) claims, some of the pre-petition litigations that other claimants filed also asserted various state statutory and common law claims, some of which may have different statutes of limitation or repose. None of the Disputed Claims specifically identifies any asserted state law claims. But many of those claims may now be time-barred, as well. While the Debtors have not analyzed every conceivable state law claim that might have been asserted by the creditors filing the Disputed Claims, the Debtors do not believe that the Disputed Claims rest on valid state law claims against the Debtors

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- 38. Because the Disputed Claims fail to allege facts or attached documentation sufficient to support the claims, they are facially defective and should be disallowed and expunged.
- 39. In addition, to the extent that the Disputed Claims seek to assert claims under the Securities Act, they are barred by the statutes of limitation and repose and should be disallowed and expunged.

### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

40. The Debtors expressly reserve the right to amend, modify, or supplement this Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection and to file additional objections to the Disputed Claims on any other bases.

#### **NOTICE**

41. The Debtors have served notice of this Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims
Objection in accordance with the Case Management Procedures entered on May 23, 2012
[Docket No. 141] and the Procedures Order. The Debtors submit that no other or further notice need be provided.

### **NO PRIOR REQUEST**

42. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Debtors to this or any other court.

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### **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order substantially in the form of the Proposed Order disallowing and expunging the Disputed Claims and granting such other relief as is just and proper.

Dated: September 9, 2013 New York, New York Respectfully submitted,

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### Exhibit 1

**Proposed Order** 

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

		)	
In re:		)	Case No. 12-12020 (MG)
		)	
RESIDENTIAL CAPITAL, L	LC, <u>et al</u> .,	)	Chapter 11
		)	
	Debtors.	)	Jointly Administered
		)	

# ORDER GRANTING DEBTORS' THIRTY-THIRD OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (FACIALLY DEFECTIVE AND TIME-BARRED SECURITIES CLAIMS)

Upon the thirty-third omnibus objection to claims, dated September 9, 2013 (the "Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection"), of Residential Capital, LLC and its affiliated debtors in the above-referenced Chapter 11 Cases, as debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), seeking entry of an order, pursuant to section 502(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 3007(d) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and this Court's order approving procedures for the filing of omnibus objections to proofs of claim [Docket No. 3294] (the "Procedures Order"), disallowing and expunging the Disputed Claims on the basis that each such claim is facially defective and is barred by applicable statutes of limitation and repose all as more fully described in the Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection; and it appearing that this Court has jurisdiction to consider the Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and consideration of the Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Thirty-Third

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Debtors' Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection.

Omnibus Claims Objection having been provided, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; upon consideration of the Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection and the Declaration of Lewis Kruger in Support of the Debtors' Thirty-Third Omnibus Objection to Claims (Facially Defective and Time-Barred Securities Claims) [Docket No.\_\_], filed contemporaneously with the Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, and all parties in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the relief requested in the Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims

Objection is granted to the extent provided herein; and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the claims listed on **Exhibit A** annexed hereto (collectively, the "<u>Disputed Claims</u>") are disallowed and expunged; and it is further

ORDERED that Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, is directed to disallow and expunge the Disputed Claims identified on the schedule attached as **Exhibit A** hereto so that such claims are no longer maintained on the Debtors' claims register; and it is further

ORDERED that the Debtors are authorized and empowered to take all actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the terms of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that notice of the Thirty-Third Omnibus Claims Objection as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such objection, and the

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requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 3007(a), the Case Management Procedures entered on May 23,

2012 [Docket No. 141], the Procedures Order, and the Local Bankruptcy Rules of this Court are

satisfied by such notice; and it is further

ORDERED that all rights to object on any basis are expressly reserved with

respect to any Disputed Claim listed on Exhibit A annexed hereto or any other claim not listed

on **Exhibit A**; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order shall be a final order with respect to each of the

Disputed Claims identified on Exhibit A, annexed hereto, as if each such Disputed Claim had

been individually objected to; and it is further

ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all

matters arising from or related to this Order.

Dated:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2013 New York, New York

THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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### Exhibit A

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	Name of Claimant	Claim Number	Date Filed	Claim Amount	Asserted Debtor Name	Case Number
1	Fortress Mortgage Opportunities Master Fund Series 1 LP					
	Attn: Nicole Restivo Fortress Mortgage Opportunites GP Series 1 LLC, its General Partner 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 46th Floor New York, NY 10105	5477	11/16/2012	\$0.00 Administrative Priority \$0.00 Administrative Secured UNLIQUIDATED Secured \$0.00 Priority UNLIQUIDATED General Unsecured	Residential Funding Company, LLC	12-12019
2	Fortress Mortgage Opportunities Master Fund Series 1 LP					
	Attn: Nicole Restivo Fortress Mortgage Opportunites GP Series 1 LLC, its General Partner 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 46th Floor New York, NY 10105	5479	11/16/2012	\$0.00 Administrative Priority \$0.00 Administrative Secured UNLIQUIDATED Secured \$0.00 Priority UNLIQUIDATED General Unsecured	GMAC Mortgage, LLC	12-12032
3	Fortress Mortgage Opportunities Master Fund Series 1 LP					
	Attn: Nicole Restivo Fortress Mortgage Opportunites GP Series 1 LLC, its General Partner 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 46th Floor New York, NY 10105	5490	11/16/2012	\$0.00 Administrative Priority \$0.00 Administrative Secured UNLIQUIDATED Secured \$0.00 Priority UNLIQUIDATED General Unsecured	Homecomings Financial, LLC	12-12042
4	Fortress Mortgage Opportunities Master Fund Series 1 LP				-	
	Attn: Nicole Restivo Fortress Mortgage Opportunites GP Series 1 LLC, its General Partner 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 46th Floor New York, NY 10105	5497	11/16/2012	\$0.00 Administrative Priority \$0.00 Administrative Secured UNLIQUIDATED Secured \$0.00 Priority UNLIQUIDATED General Unsecured	Residential Accredit Loans, Inc.	12-12052
5	Fortress Mortgage Opportunities Master Fund Series 2 LP					
	c/o Fortress Mortgage Opportunites GP Series 2 LLC, its General Partner Attn: Nicole Restivo 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 46th Floor New York, NY 10105	5483	11/16/2012	\$0.00 Administrative Priority \$0.00 Administrative Secured UNLIQUIDATED Secured \$0.00 Priority UNLIQUIDATED General Unsecured	Residential Funding Company, LLC	12-12019

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	Name of Claimant	Claim Number	Date Filed	Claim Amount	Asserted Debtor Name	Case Number
6	Fortress Mortgage Opportunities Master Fund Series 2 LP					
	Attn: Nicole Restivo Fortress Mortgage Opportunites GP Series 2 LLC, its General Partner 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 46th Floor New York, NY 10105	5486	11/16/2012	\$0.00 Administrative Priority \$0.00 Administrative Secured UNLIQUIDATED Secured \$0.00 Priority UNLIQUIDATED General Unsecured	GMAC Mortgage, LLC	12-12032
7	Fortress Mortgage Opportunities Master Fund Series 2 LP					
	Attn: Nicole Restivo Fortress Mortgage Opportunites GP Series 2 LLC, its General Partner 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 46th Floor New York, NY 10105	5494	11/16/2012	\$0.00 Administrative Priority \$0.00 Administrative Secured UNLIQUIDATED Secured \$0.00 Priority UNLIQUIDATED General Unsecured	Homecomings Financial, LLC	12-12042
8	Fortress Mortgage Opportunities Master Fund Series 2 LP					
	Attn: Nicole Restivo Fortress Mortgage Opportunites GP Series 2 LLC, its General Partner 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 46th Floor New York, NY 10105	5500	11/16/2012	\$0.00 Administrative Priority \$0.00 Administrative Secured UNLIQUIDATED Secured \$0.00 Priority UNLIQUIDATED General Unsecured	Residential Accredit Loans, Inc.	12-12052